TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 512 – HB 625

April 3, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires certain information to be included, as well as prohibits the use of certain language, on political advertisements for non-incumbent candidates.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006598): Deletes language in the original bill which would require a political advertisement to include the number or letter of the district, ward, or seat for which the candidate is running with all other language remaining unchanged.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Advertisements for non-incumbent candidates will be prohibited from using the word "re-elect" and requires such advertisements to include the word "for" between the candidate's name and the office sought.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-19-102, a person commits a class C misdemeanor for knowingly violating such advertising requirements.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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